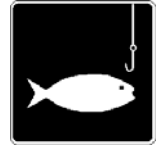


# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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## BARTLETT RESERVOIR

### **RANGER DISTRICT**

Cave Creek Ranger Station  
40202 N. Cave Creek Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85262  
Phone (480) 595-3300 Fax (480) 595- 3342

### **RELATED OPPORTUNITIES**

Camping, picnicking, water activities and boating

### **SEASON OF USE**

All year

### **ELEVATION**

1798 feet (spillway)  
1848 feet (full reservoir)

### **FACILITIES**

Other facilities include Sheriff's Aid Station and Bartlett Marina. See the following Recreation Opportunity Guides:

- Jojoba Boating Site
- Rattlesnake Cove Recreation Site
- SB Cove Recreation Site
- Bartlett Flat Recreation Site

### **LOCATION AND ACCESS**

The reservoir is 20 miles east of Carefree. From Carefree, take the Cave Creek Road/Forest Road (FR) 24 to the Bartlett Road/FR 19 junction. Turn right on this paved highway; it is 13 miles to the reservoir.

### **FISH SPECIES PRESENT**

Crappie, Large and Small-mouth Bass, Channel and Flathead Catfish, Carp, Bluegill, and Green Sunfish.

### **ATTRACTIONS**

- Bartlett has been a favorite with anglers almost since Bartlett Dam was constructed in 1939. Several state-record fish have been caught there.
- The 1977 Small-mouth Bass state record tipped the scales at seven pounds. The carp state record still stands at 37 lbs. 5 oz. Flathead Catfish lurk in the depths.
- "Fish City" near Bartlett Flat is a fish-habitat improvement project.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Free-flowing portions of the Verde River are closed to motorized use.
- Periodic major drawdown of the water level occurs.

### **NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

Carefree and Cave Creek: All services

### **RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES**

- Boating & Recreation Guide to Bartlett Lake, Desert Charts
- For water-level information, contact the Salt River Project's recorded message line at (602) 236-5929 or [www.srpnet.com](http://www.srpnet.com)

